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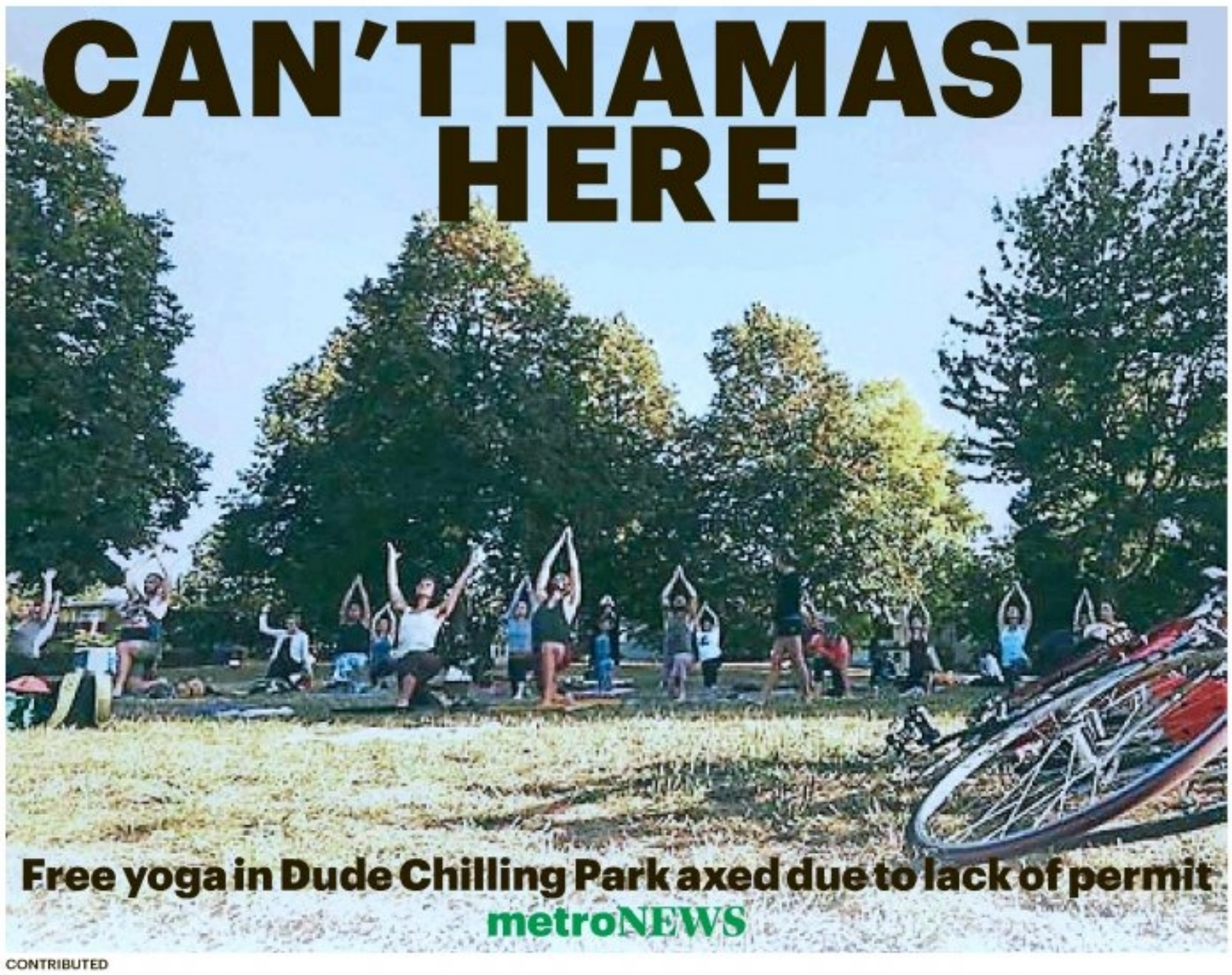

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Final count on Wednesday, but judicial recount could add delay

The final count in British Columbia's tight and inconclusive election will be known on Wednesday, but the possibility of a judicial recount means the actual outcome might not be known for weeks.

The race between the Liberals and New Democrats in one key Vancouver Island riding swung back and forth on Tuesday.

The latest ballot count in the hotly contested Courtenay-Comox riding showed a 101-vote lead for New Democrat Ronna-Rae Leonard over Liberal Jim Benninger. Earlier, Benninger was ahead by three votes after starting the day 13 behind.

At stake is a one-seat Liberal majority if Benninger wins.

But if Leonard wins, there could be a Liberal or NDP minority government with the support of the Green party in the 87-seat legislature.

After the May 9 election, the Liberals had 43 seats, the NDP 41 and the Greens had three seats.

On election night, Leonard was ahead by nine votes in Courtenay-Comox. "Where they stand now, it's a possibility there will be a judicial recount," said Elections BC spokesman Andrew Watson.

Elections BC did a recount in Courtenay-Comox before it began counting absentee ballots. Almost 180,000 absentee votes are being tallied provincewide as part of the agency's final count, which must be completed on Wednesday.

An application for a judicial recount must be filed with the Supreme Court of British Columbia within six days of the final result being declared.

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Granville Island elevator proposed

REPORT

Reduction in parking and more planned for the future

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There are plans for a busy shopping and arts area in Granville Island by 2040. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

A proposed elevator that would connect Granville Island to the Granville Street Bridge. COURTESY GRANVILLE ISLAND 2040

An elevator from the Granville Street Bridge down to the "heart of Granville Island" is just one idea proposed by a team of advisors who have prepared a new plan for the busy shopping and arts area for 2040.

Granville Island has been heralded as an innovative urban planning success story ever since it was first transformed from a heavy industrial area to a hub for artists, theatre, local food sales, artisan shops and park space in the 1980s.

It's managed by the federal agency Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

A major tenant — Emily Carr University of Art and Design — recently moved off the island, and the updated plan is also intended to address population growth in the neighbourhoods around Granville Island and increased retail competition.

But traffic congestion is currently the biggest problem facing Granville Island, according to Granville Island 2040: Bridging Past and Future, the final report on the planning and future of Granville Island, with a quarter of the land on the island being devoted to roads or parking.

According to public surveys, about half of the respondents thought vehicle access should be reduced or eliminated, while half thought there should be more parking.

But: "Despite the latter resistance, it is not possible to address the challenge of climate change or create new opportunities that respond to changing generational, cultural and economic interests without the reduction of automobile traffic and parking."

The authors of the report are recommending reducing parking spots and increasing the price of parking to reflect demand.

They're also suggesting eliminating a current employee parking pass which currently has 300 pass holders, a change that would reduce parking demand by an estimated 25 per cent.

Improvements to encourage other modes of transportation need to happen at the same time parking is being reduced, the report authors recommend, and that's where the elevator idea comes in.

The report notes that while only one relatively infrequent bus (the No. 50) stops right at Granville Island, several more frequent buses stop on Granville Street, a few blocks away from the entrance to Granville Island.

By putting another bus stop next to the proposed elevator and staircase, more people would choose that route to Granville Island, and it would be a tourist draw in itself, argue the report authors. It would cost around $6 million, and is envisioned to connect with the City of Vancouver's proposed walking and cycling lane down the middle of the bridge.

Another big-ticket infrastructure item the report suggests is a pedestrian and cycle bridge across Alder Bay, from the seawall to the area near the Granville Island Hotel. It is also estimated to cost $5-6 million and would be paid for by the federal government and private partnerships.

Other transportation recommendations include adding a bike lane to Anderson Street, the main street into the island, and possible reactivating a defunct streetcar line between Olympic Village and Granville Island.

The report also envisions an expansion of Granville Island's Public Market — ideas include adding a second storey, covering part or all of the courtyard and adding more booths on the west side of the building.

When it comes to the Emily Carr campus, the recommendation is to transform that space into an artists' and innovation hub, with room for people working in fields like industrial and interior design, animation, and other artistic disciplines. Metro was unable to reach CMHC for comment on this story.

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Number of employee parking passes for Granville Island. There are ongoing talks on whether or not to keep the passes. If they were eliminated the move would reduce parking demand by 25 per cent.

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Leave the sea lion alone, says expert

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Girl pulled into water receiving treatment for minor wound

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A notice warns people not to feed sea lions at Steveston Harbour in Richmond. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Reports of crowds gathering on the dock where a girl was pulled into the water by a sea lion is infuriating one expert because it could be dangerous — both for people and the animal.

A now-viral video shows the sea lion surfacing near the dock where people are feeding it bread. The animal lunges toward a girl and drags her into the water. A man jumps off the dock and lifts the girl to safety.

She suffered a superficial wound and is receiving treatment, according to the Vancouver Aquarium.

The incident on Saturday could have been avoided if people listened to the signs forbidding the feeding of wild animals, says Danielle Hyson, senior marine-mammal trainer at the aquarium.

"It's extremely frustrating; obviously it's a public-safety issue," said Hyson. "If (the sea lion) has any more aggressive instances he may be labelled as a nuisance animal and he may be put down."

Hyson, who has been training sea lions for 11 years, says the animal appears to be used to people feeding it.

"It's my opinion that he became frustrated when the feeding stopped," she said.

Feeding a wild animal is illegal and can result in fines or even jail time, said Hyson.

"There's not a lot of enforcement," she said. "I'd like to see more of that because if people don't give the animal more space, this will just keep happening."

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Park board no longer chill about yoga class

DUDE CHILLING PARK

Organizers say they lack the means to pay for permits

David P. Ball
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The collective has held twice-daily classes for several years. COURTESY DUDE CHILLING YOGA COLLECTIVE

Did Vancouver's park board stretch the rules when it put a halt to rogue yoga classes in Dude Chilling Park this weekend?

Or did the yogis congregating in the Mount Pleasant park lunge too far into a public space without a permit?

"We have been operating in a legal grey area with the city for the past years," the Dude Chilling Yoga Collective posted to its Facebook page on Saturday, "and have now been informed that we are not going to be allowed to offer classes as we have been at the park.

"At this time we do not have the means to organize and pay for the required permits that the city is imposing on us."

Vancouver Park Board chair Michael Wiebe told Metro that "free yoga is something we look forward to supporting" but that any organized recreational event needs to get a permit, which costs $15-19 an hour.

"Permits ensure if there is an issue, we know who to talk to," he explained. "Permits make sure the parks are being used in an appropriate way."

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For several years, the group's offered two free classes a day for yogis of "all levels."

But according to the board's website, all "organized recreational activities" need a park-board permit and separate city application — four months in advance and requiring insurance.

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Bylaw allows for street changes without council approval

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City engineers will no longer have to get council approval to make changes like traffic calming, widening sidewalks or removing parking. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Transportation planners and engineers at city hall insist they won't run amok with the increased authority granted them by a recent bylaw change — but business groups in Vancouver aren't buying it.

"You don't have checks and balances from the elected officials — the bureaucrats are now making decisions on behalf of the elected officials, who were put there by the voters," said Nick Pogor, president of the Commercial Drive Business Society, a group that has staunchly opposed a proposed bike lane on Commercial Drive.

The city's engineering department sought to change an existing bylaw so that staff can make changes to sidewalks and streets without first getting approval from council. The aim of the changes, which council voted to approve May 17, are "to facilitate more efficient delivery of important complete street improvements" under the city's Transportation 2040 plan.

Such changes could include removing traffic lanes or parking spaces to make room for widened sidewalks or cycling infrastructure. The term "complete street" refers to a street that can safely and comfortable accommodate pedestrians, cyclists and cars, and the City of Vancouver would like to have a network of such streets running throughout the city.

Speaking to council on May 17, Dale Bracewell, manager of transportation planning, said the current street bylaw dates back to 1944 and gives the engineering department the power to make changes related to moving vehicle: "changing parking lanes and that kind of thing," he said.

"That's OK, that's been something that's stewarded well. But anything related to walking, cycling or transit requires council approval."

Bracewell and other senior staff explained to council that anything controversial — like a new bike lane — would go through a community consultation process and would also come before council.

But engineering wanted the power to enact smaller items, like a temporary change to try out a traffic calming measure or, while a building is being redeveloped, to also make a change to the street.

"Council at any point in time could direct staff to bring consultation processes to council," Bracewell assured councillors.

There is no hard measure, like cost, to determine which projects would be brought to council, said Jerry Dobrovolny, general manager of engineering, in response to councillors' questions.

That didn't sit well with NPA Coun. George Affleck, who voted against the motion.

"You're moving decision-making about one of the most important things we do in this city, into the back rooms of city hall," he told the six Vision councillors and mayor who voted to approve the motion.

Aiyana Kane, the owner of Bandidas Tacqueria on Commercial Drive and a member of the Commercial Drive Business Society, supports the idea of a "complete street" with a bike lane on the busy arterial street. She's frustrated that the board of the society continues to spend money, including hiring a public relations firm, to oppose the bike lane.

She's unsure of her position on the bylaw change, noting that she feels fine about engineering having the extra authority with Vision in charge, but might feel differently if a political party with different priorities were governing the city.

"I can see both sides, I can see where people feel nervous about it," Kane said.

"But I feel like right now, oh man, this bike lane proposal on Commercial Drive — so much money has been wasted on this so-called consultation. It's been years and it'll be years more."

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WEATHER

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Flooding in Merritt, B.C., on May 14. GREG HODSON/FOR METRO

Flood-weary regions of British Columbia's southern Interior are bracing for another battering, this time from high winds. Environment Canada has issued special weather statements for parts of Vancouver Island, Metro Vancouver and most of the Southern Interior, including the Okanagan, advising that strong winds are due to hit late Tuesday and continue into Wednesday. Special weather statements have already been elevated to warnings for Greater Victoria, east Vancouver Island and the Sunshine Coast, with winds of up to 90 kilometres expected in those areas.

There's concern that high winds could whip up waves on lakes that are already nearing flood stage, especially Okanagan Lake where officials say water has topped 342.91 metres, surpassing the 1990 lake flood level.

Winds are expected to be accompanied by cooler temperatures and possible heavy rain, further swelling waterways that the River Forecast Centre warned were surging from snowmelt following a hot spell over the Victoria Day long weekend. A flood watch remains in effect for the Nicola River near Merritt, including Nicola Lake, while high streamflow advisories are posted for almost a dozen rivers and creeks across the southern and central Interior, including Mission Creek, which runs through downtown Kelowna.

"It takes two people about one hour to fill and place 100 sandbags, (providing) a one-foot-by-20-foot wall," says the PrepareBC website, as the Central Okanagan Regional District urged waterfront property owners to take immediate action to protect their homes.

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8-year-old among the dead in concert blast

MANCHESTER ATTACK

Many parents still waiting to hear from their children

Names of the victims are beginning to emerge in Monday night's deadly bombing at an Ariana Grande concert in Manchester.

For a crowd of mostly young British music fans, the concert was supposed to be a school night out enjoying cheerful high-energy pop. It quickly turned into sheer terror.

A suicide bomber detonated a powerful explosive device moments after the American singer wrapped up her show Monday night in Manchester, sending people into a desperate search for missing family and friends. The blast killed 22 people and wounded 59 others, with 12 of the wounded under the age of 16, officials said.

Young concert goers fled the scene of the attack, some still wearing the American pop star's trademark kitten ears and holding pink balloons.

One of the victims has been identified as eight-year-old Saffie Rose Roussos, a "beautiful little girl" who was taken to the concert by her mother

Saffie was remembered fondly by Chris Upton, the head teacher at Tarleton Community Primary School.

"Saffie was simply a beautiful little girl in every aspect of the word," Upton told The Guardian. "She was loved by everyone and her warmth and kindness will be remembered fondly."

Another victim is 18-year-old Georgina Callander, who studied health and social care at Runshaw College in Lancashire.

The school released a statement on Facebook saying, "Our deepest sympathies, thoughts and prayers go out to all of Georgina's friends, family, and all of those affected by this loss."

Callander had posted a photo on Instagram of herself with Grande, which was taken backstage at a concert two years ago.

A crowd-funding page has been set up to help with Callander's funeral costs.

Charlotte Campbell was among the parents still looking for their children. She told BBC Radio 4's Today program that her 15-year-old daughter, Olivia, was still missing, but sadly posted on Facebook later Tuesday that her daughter Olivia was indeed one of those killed in the attack.

She said she had spoken to her at the concert. "She'd just seen the support act and said she was having an amazing time, and thanking me for letting her go," she said.

Concert goer Abbey Mullen shared her thoughts of the horror on Twitter, saying the bomb exploded just a few metres from her.

"That sound, The blood + those who were running around clueless with body parts + bits of skin missing will not be leaving my mind any time soon or the minds of those involved," Mullen wrote.

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Above: Georgina Callander and Ariana Grande in 2015. **Left:** Saffie Rose Roussos. Callander and Roussos were the first victims to be identified in an attack at Manchester Arena, which left 22 people dead on Monday. CONTRIBUTED/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

People attend a vigil in Manchester on Tuesday, the day the attack at an Ariana Grande concert that left 22 people dead, including 12 people under 16 years old. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.K. terror level raised to critical as hunt for accomplices continues

As officials hunted for accomplices of a suicide bomber and Britain's prime minister warned another attack could be "imminent," thousands of people poured into the streets of Manchester in a defiant vigil Tuesday for victims of a blast at a pop concert - the latest apparent target of Islamic extremists seeking to rattle life in the West.

The attack left at least 22 dead, including an 8-year-old girl, shattering the revelry at a show by American singer Ariana Grande, where strains of electric pop and the sways of innocent young fans quickly gave way to an explosion, a flood of screams and a stampede of panicked concert-goers, many clutching pink balloons and wearing the kitten-ear headbands popularized by Grande.

Touching on that disconnect, British Prime Minister Theresa May said: "We struggle to comprehend the warped and twisted mind that sees a room packed with young children not as a scene to cherish but as an opportunity for carnage."

May said Britain's terror threat level had been raised to critical — meaning another attack may be imminent. The status means armed soldiers could be deployed instead of police at public events including sports matches. The threat level had been at the second-highest rung of "severe" for several years.

Daesh claimed responsibility for the blood bath Monday, though a top American intelligence official said the assertion could not be verified. Manchester Police Chief Ian Hopkins identified the bomber as 22-year-old Salman Abedi, who authorities said died in the attack. Police raided two sites in the northern English city, setting off a controlled explosion in one, and arresting a 23-year-old man in a third location.

May said Abedi was born and raised in Britain and a European security official said he was of Libyan descent.

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Increased security planned for shows

Some venues are taking extra steps to ensure concertgoers feel safer in the coming weeks, even if there isn't any sign of imminent danger.

Heightened security is planned for Toronto's Air Canada Centre where Canadian superstar the Weeknd is scheduled to play back-to-back shows this weekend. Other international stars like the Chainsmokers and Neil Diamond are slated for the coming weeks.

Dave Haggith, a spokesman for the ACC's owner Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment, said more security staff will be on the grounds for these events.

While he declined to offer details on whether other security measures would also be taken, he acknowledged that more was being done.

"You're always looking for best practices and communications so you're ahead of the game as best you can be," he said.

Elsewhere in the country, Winnipeg's MTS Centre will have a bomb-sniffing dog on site for Friday's Red Hot Chili Peppers show, bolstering other classified security measures.

The Scotiabank Centre in Halifax promises heightened security and police presence for its I Love The 90s tour event on Wednesday, featuring Salt-N-Pepa.

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PHILIPPINES

Marawi under martial rule

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte declared the country's south under martial rule for 60 days and cut short a visit to Moscow on Tuesday after Muslim extremists allied with Daesh laid siege to a southern city.

Defence Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said troops raided the hideout of a top terrorist suspect in southern Marawi city on Tuesday, sparking a gunbattle that prompted the militants to call for reinforcements from an allied group, the Maute. He said dozens of gunmen occupied city hall, a hospital and a jail and burned a Catholic church, a jail, a college and some houses in a bold attack that killed at least two soldiers and a police officer and wounded 12 others.

"The whole of Marawi city is blacked out, there is no light, and there are Maute snipers all around," Lorenzana said in Moscow. Duterte's martial law declaration will help government forces carry out searches and arrests and detain rebel suspects quickly, Lorenzana said.

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JESSICA ALLEN ON HOT BLACK COFFEE FOR A NEW AGE

Food wasn't just a detail in Twin Peaks: it was central to the show's humour — something the reboot may have forgotten.

Everyone is talking about how strange the new Twin Peaks is. Critics are saying television hasn't been this odd since, well, the original Twin Peaks aired back in 1990.

No surprise there. Welcome back to the weird and wonderful mind of David Lynch.

But two things struck me while watching the first four episodes of the 18-part continuation. First, where are the coffee, cherry pie and jelly-filled doughnuts? And second, who would have thought that coffee and doughnuts would have morphed into a world of almost unfathomable oddity?

"Coffee culture" happened so gradually that we didn't even know it.

It's been 25 years since FBI Agent Dale Cooper tells Sheriff Truman in the first season of Twin Peaks to treat himself every day, whether it be to an office catnap or "two cups of good hot black coffee."

The new series lets us examine the evolution from diner coffee to unicorn frappuccinos with wonderment.

By way of introduction may I remind you of the Cronut? I doubt even the Log Lady could've predicted that, not to mention $6 cups of cold brew, gourmet matcha green tea doughnuts — even gluten-free doughnuts, a metaphysical feat only achievable in the extra dimensional Black Lodge.

Food was omnipresent in many of the so-called Golden Age of Television series that arguably started with Twin Peaks. The diner in Seinfeld is as much a character as the woods are in Twin Peaks. Then there's The Sopranos and Carmela's baked ziti and the pork sandwiches from Satriale's that even the FBI agents following Tony couldn't resist. Junk food and jumbo coffees were basically members of the family on Gilmore Girls.

But food wasn't just a detail in the original Twin Peaks.

Twin Peaks ushered in a Golden Era of food-centric TV, including Seinfeld and Gilmore Girls, writes Jessica Allen. AP PHOTO

It was central to the show's humour — something the reboot may have forgotten — and in grounding the characters in a normal world. Sure, there was a lady who got messages from her log but somewhere there was coffee and doughnuts and cherry pie.

If coffee and doughnuts were the bench mark for the norm that let Twin Peaks' wilder flights of fancy soar, it should come as no surprise that in a world of $75 "cat poop" coffee — made from beans partially digested by cats — the show's universe now isn't just weird. It is almost beyond comprehension.

In Twin Peaks, Deputy Chief "Hawk" is opening the old case file on Laura Palmer. There on the table beside him is a pink box of doughnuts. Despite the audience wondering if Norma was forced to use a brand consultant, Truman's cellphone and Ben Horn's weed-infused comestibles, not a lot seems to have changed in the north-west logging town.

So we are hooked again, brought into a mind-altering reality through the basic power of a black cup of coffee and doughnuts. The Tim Hortons execs who are trying to figure out how to mass-produce lattes should take note, before the real world surpasses the new Twin Peaks in its oddity.

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Appropriation prize flap a chance to listen and learn

Vicky Mochama
Metro | Toronto

Two weeks ago, I watched several powerful people gleefully line up to throw money at the opportunity to refuse to hear criticism.

The so-called appropriation prize and the ensuing fallout at major media organizations are not about free speech. This is about who gets to speak and who should be thankful for being allowed to exist.

At times, Indigenous issues overlap with my ill-attended-to specialities: race, gender, and politics. To be sure, it's a wide umbrella, but it doesn't always cover everything.

On those occasions, I read, listen and learn.

In the aftermath of the Joseph Boyden controversy, I read Indigenous writers who, with compassion and fury, asked for transparency.

After the human rights tribunal concluded Canada discriminated against Indigenous children, I read the rulings and listened to Cindy Blackstock's fierce advocacy.

I listen to podcasts from Media Indigena and Indian and Cowboy.

Slowly but surely, I'm working through the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report. It's a harrowing read, but essential.

I say this not to self-congratulate, but to say that I am still in the shallow end. Every new piece of information leads to more questions, which leads to answers that only ask more questions. Until I can swim in the deep end with Indigenous people, I'm going to do my best to stay in my lane.

And that's what the appropriation prize organizers and their supporters need to do. Because in a short period of time, they revealed the things we — Indigenous, Black, racialized people — suspected to be true: That for them, our cultures, like ourselves, can be put up for auction. That our histories, our pains, our joys (if we're allowed that), our style — the things that make us strong and unique — are available to most ambitious imitators.

There have been consequences: a resignation, a demotion, and some apologies. But there are still more non-Indigenous people defining terms of a conversation they're not equipped to have.

For us, it's a time for listening and for learning. For progress and reconciliation to work, speaking up cannot mean speaking over.

In Indigenous Writes, a friendly and righteous raft for these waters, Chelsea Vowel says, "What we cannot do is pretend the subject matter is anything but difficult. Sometimes, we will simply have to agree to disagree." Still, she insists that it can be done: "We begin that process by understanding the fundamental issues."

The most consistent voices asking for explanation, accountability and apology were Indigenous.

Simply, they are the voices to listen to.

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Stephen King calls Islamic State 'rogue cult' on Twitter

We just left from touring in Europe and this was such a real fear we discussed frequently. I was crushed today to hear it became a reality.
Drake

Inset: Pierre Lescure and Isabelle Huppert in a moment of silence at Cannes Film Festival. GETTY

Fear of attacks unites artists

MANCHESTER ATTACK

Stars show solidarity after terror at Ariana Grande concert

Attacks such as the deadly bombing that killed 22 people at an Ariana Grande concert in Manchester, England were a "real fear" that was "discussed frequently" while touring in Europe, Canadian rap star Drake said Tuesday.

In a post on Instagram, the Toronto-raised rapper wrote: "My condolences to all of the families affected and we will be praying for all of Manchester. Also, I am praying on peace of mind for Ariana," he wrote.

Monday's explosion sparked a stampede of young concertgoers, some still wearing Grande's trademark kitten ears and holding pink balloons. Authorities said an eight-year-old girl was among the dead.

Drake was one of several Canadian stars with teenage followings who voiced sympathy and solidarity Tuesday for those affected by the attack.

Teen idol Shawn Mendes, pop singers Justin Bieber, and Alessia Cara as well as YouTube star Lilly Singh all took to Twitter with messages of support.

Mendes, who is scheduled to play in Paris on Wednesday, described himself as "completely heartbroken."

"I am truly so sorry about what has happened in Manchester tonight. Unthinkable events. All my love to the families affected," he said.

Cara helped circulate an online list of those still missing after Monday's show, adding "my heart is with u, Manchester."

Bieber simply tweeted the hashtag #PrayForManchester.

Singh, who was set to perform in Malaysia on Tuesday, tweeted: "My heart and prayers go out to Ariana and everyone at her show in Manchester. I can't even imagine the feeling. No words."

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Popularity of fruity beverages set to keep rising

Genna Buck
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Another scorching summer is about to hit, and for Canadians that usually means one thing – drinking.

"Patio season, dock season, hipsters in parks: No matter what kind of Canadian you are, you drink beer in the summer," said Crystal Luxmore, a beer sommelier and beverage writer who runs craft beer tasting events with the Beer Sisters in Toronto.

But, "people want to be able to...have a few on the patio and not feel too tipsy in the heat," Luxmore said – hence the explosion in the popularity of lighter drinks with less than five per cent alcohol by volume.

Cider sales have been surging since 2014. The lightly alcoholic Aperol spritz was so popular last summer that importers had trouble keeping it on store shelves.

And the beverage known as a radler in Germany and a shandy in the British Isles – essentially equal parts beer and some kind of non-alcoholic fruit drink such as pop, juice, or lemonade – has been on the rise in Canada for about seven years, Luxmore said. But they've really exploded in recent summers as both giants like Molson and Canadian craft breweries have increased their offerings, she added.

It's all part of the trend away from super-sweet, highlighter-hued coolers.

"We're more health conscious, even what comes into alcohol. Beer is a natural product. Combining that with real juice or fresh zested fruit seems healthier for us than a glucose-fructose-laden alco-pop."

Luxmore said she has seen breweries increasingly experimenting with beers that have fruit smashed directly in, zest and all, resulting in bolder-flavoured tipples that are still fairly low in alcohol.

She also expects to see a continued rise in full-strength beers sweetened with natural fruit – blueberry lager, watermelon wheat beer, and hoppy IPAs, mixed with tropical fruits.

Demographics has something to do with it: One of the only groups of Canadians whose alcohol consumption is increasing is younger women. Traditionally, radlers and ciders are considered "fruity and girly," and concoctions like the Bud Light Lime-A-Rita are clearly marketed at women, Luxmore said.

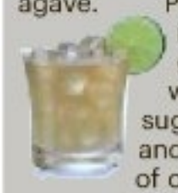
But, "the way a craft brewery does a radler – citrusy, dry, not too sweet – appeals to men and women," she said. "Increasingly, it's not a lady thing to drink fruit beer."

LIGHT OPTIONS

Snakebite
A 50/50 mix of cider and lager. Add a dash of blackcurrant drink like Ribena and you have the British speciality snakebite & black.

Blood orange shandy
Mix blood orange soda (San Pellegrino is easiest to find) with an equal amount of beer – full-bodied or hoppy varieties work particularly well. Add in the juice of a blood orange some zest: Summer in a glass.

Lagerita
Mix the juice of one lime with a couple of tablespoons of simple syrup or agave. Pour into an ice-filled beer glass rimmed with sugar or a sugar-salt combo and fill with lager of choice. If you want a boozy version, add a splash of tequila.



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REVIEW

In-between Lexus IS model outperformed by rest of series

Sami Haj-Assaad
AutoGuide.com

Lexus is playing catch up in the sport sedan segment and one way it's trying to compete is by introducing new trim levels in its popular IS series.

For many, the base IS 200t is a great choice, but it's only available with rear-wheel drive. While the range-topping IS 350 drives all four wheels, it's expensive and fuel thirsty. To try to alleviate this issue, Lexus has introduced the IS 300 AWD, a model in the middle of the lineup that can only be had with all-wheel drive.

While the four-cylinder turbocharged Lexus IS 200t starts at $42,195, the IS 300 AWD comes in at $44,995, commanding a $2,800 premium for two extra drive wheels and cylinders. It sounds like a good deal, at first.

The IS 300 AWD has 14 ponies over its smaller displacement, turbocharged brother, but is down 22 lb-ft of torque. The lack of twist is noticeable and the IS 300 AWD feels slow and pokey to get going. And it seems much less powerful and torquey than the range-topping IS 350, which has 50 more hp and 40 more lb-ft of torque.

There's also no benefit at the pumps for getting the IS 300 AWD over the IS 350 AWD, which starts at $55,395. If buyers thought they would get some fuel savings by opting for the less powerful V6, they should think otherwise and consider the much more fuel efficient IS 200t.

The engine does, however, provide smooth and linear acceleration and doesn't impact the solid driving dynamics of the car. Steering is good, which is to say it's well-weighted and responsive. Even the steering wheel itself is nice and chunky, with lots to hold onto and a progressive steering feel with none of the weirdness you get from variable ratio racks.

The chassis is also pretty good, meaning that the car reacts to direction changes well, but without the harshness that comes from cars trying to be too sporty. It's best described as smooth and obedient. The suspension in particular is really balanced between soft and stiff.

It's worth talking about the polarizing interior of the car. With plenty of odd angles inside the cabin, it's definitely not the most user-friendly, with bizarrely placed vent openings and an infotainment screen that's far and deep into the dashboard.

The infotainment system has to be one of the worst designs available on the market, thanks to an imprecise and hyperactive mouse-like controller, it's a pain to select items on the screen. It makes it extremely frustrating to control the navigation or make calls while driving and requires too much attention.

It's hard to recommend this over the two other models in the lineup.

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The handle itself two light sources configured to emit light of different wavelengths. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

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COMMITMENT

Sustainable tires

GM has made an industry-first commitment to sourcing sustainable natural rubber in its tires.

General Motors is hoping the move will help drive the industry toward net-zero deforestation while upholding human and labour rights. The American automaker believes sourcing tires produced using sustainable natural rubber has benefits for business as well as the environment. It is working with major tire manufacturers including Bridgestone, Continental, Goodyear and Michelin to develop transparency so it can ensure its traceability throughout the supply chain. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

PARTNERSHIP

Volvo x Google

Volvo has announced a new partnership with Google that will result in new in-car infotainment and connectivity for its cars. The Android-based system will launch in Volvo vehicles within two years. Making this move will allow Volvo to tap into an already large ecosystem of apps and programs that Android users currently enjoy. STEPHEN ELMER/AUTOGUIDE.COM

VOLVO

CEO: Diesel days are numbered

Volvo CEO Hakan Samuelsson has said that this generation of diesel engines could be the brand's last. Volvo predicts that with mid-cycle improvements the engine will be useful until about 2023. After that the cost of developing a new diesel engine will be too high to be feasible. SEBASTIEN BELL/AUTOGUIDE.COM

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The NFL — often playfully referred to as the No Fun League — has decided to loosen up its rules regarding touchdown celebrations

Caps earn semi-final edge

CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Davies key as Vancouver takes first-leg lead to Montreal

TUESDAY at BC Place

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Alphonso Davies scored one and set up another as the Vancouver Whitecaps downed the Montreal Impact 2-1 in the first leg of their Canadian Championship semifinal on Tuesday night.

Nicolas Mezquida had the other goal for Vancouver, while Spencer Richey stopped a second-half penalty.

David Choiniere replied for the Impact, who will feel good about their chances heading home for the second leg of the aggregate series next week in Montreal.

The 16-year-old Davies, who was born in Liberia and raised in Edmonton, had a spring in his step from the start, and opened the scoring in the 13th minute on a bit of a broken play. Brek Shea's pass to Mezquida from the right lagged behind his teammate, but rolled right to Davies, who calmly slotted home past onrushing Impact goalkeeper Maxime Crepeau.

The lanky midfielder then went from finisher to creator in the 33rd when he danced past three Montreal players with ease before Mezquida latched onto the loose ball in space and beat a helpless Crepeau.

The Impact looked frustrated and a bit disjointed in the first half, but got one back in the 62nd when a pair of Canadians hooked up for a valuable away goal. Substitute Anthony Jackson-Hamel, a Montreal native, nodded a ball to Choiniere, from Saint-Alexandre, Que., who in turn beat Richey.

Jackson-Hamel then had a golden opportunity to level the match six minutes later, but he flubbed a rebound effort after Chris Duvall's initial shot hit the post.

Montreal had an even better chance to equalize in the 73rd after Whitecaps defender Cole Seiler handled the ball in the Vancouver penalty area, but Richey stopped Impact sub Patrice Bernier's poor effort from spot with a dive to his right.

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Montreal Impact's Adrian Arregui, centre, tries to get past Vancouver Whitecaps' Nicolas Mezquida, left, and Ben McKendry. THE CANADIAN PRESS/DARRYL DYCK

IN BRIEF

Senators force Game 7

The Ottawa Senators are still alive against the Penguins.

Mike Hoffman scored the go-ahead goal early in the third period of Game 6 as the Sens brushed off elimination with a 2-1 win on Tuesday and sent the Eastern Conference final to a decisive Game 7 in Pittsburgh. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cavs win to take 3-1 lead

Kyrie Irving took over in the second half and finished with 42 points, LeBron James added 34 and the Cleveland Cavaliers moved within one win of an almost inevitable third date in the Finals with Golden State by rallying to beat the Boston Celtics 112-99 on Tuesday night in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference finals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Tangy Avocado Chicken Salad Sandwich

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

There is no end to the creaminess an avocado can give most any recipe and this tangy chicken salad is no exception.

Ready in 15 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Makes: 4 to 6 sandwiches

Ingredients
- 1 avocado,
- 2 Tbsp fresh lime juice
- 1 tsp fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup Greek yogurt
- pinch of salt and pepper
- 4 pitas or 6 mini pitas
- 2 cups cooked chicken, cubed

Directions

1. Slice open your avocado, carefully remove the pit and then use a small, sharp knife to score the flesh. Now use a small spoon to scoop out those avocado cubes.

2. In a large bowl, mix all your ingredients (expect the pitas) together. Be gentle so the avocado keeps some of its shape. Taste for seasoning. If you've got time to cover the salad for half an hour the flavours will deepen.

3. Slice open your pitas and use a spoon to stuff them with salad.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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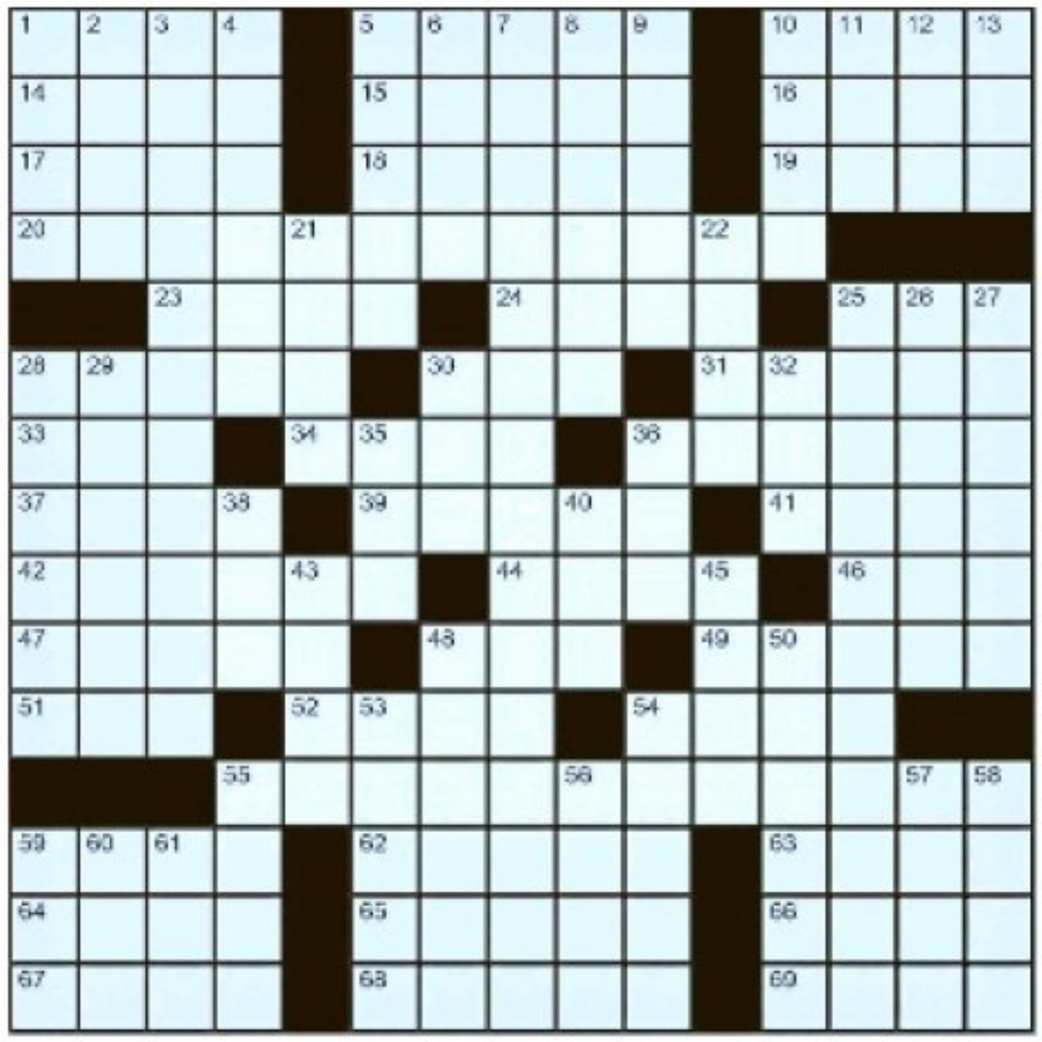

ACROSS
1. Cafe au _
5. Scope
10. Impresses
14. "Deal _ _ Deal"
15. Circus performer, informally
16. Corn lily
17. Broad
18. Dices
19. Short-tailed wildcat
20. New single off Serena Ryder's latest album 'Utopia' that goes "You're plugging into me / High voltage chemistry...": 2 wds.
23. Prefix to 'normal'
24. "Citizen _" (1941)
25. To and _
28. Suzette's serving at brunch?
30. Purchase
31. Any episode of "The Beachcombers" now
33. Distinguished title abbr.
34. Traverse
36. Joan's "Knots Landing" character
37. Mr. Garcia of "Ocean's Eleven" (2001)
39. The _ Rovers (Canadian folk group)
41. Carte du jour
42. Skin beautifiers
44. Traveller's documentation
46. Robert Plant's rock gr.
47. Beach Boys song title car
48. Nadia's famous score in Montreal
49. Movie†projector attachments
51. Percentage on a chg. card
52. German industrial region
54. Gang's land
55. Canadian movie director: 2 wds.
59. "10, 9, 8 ...lift off!" gr.
62. Puffer's particular pipe
63. Church section
64. Grad
65. Like acid wash jeans, now
66. Exclude
67. Non-royal
68. Heretofore: 2 wds.
69. Becomes beyond

DOWN
1. TV/movies actor Chad
2. Botanical 'coat'
3. Sovereign
4. Workie boot protection
5. Ghana's capital city
6. Seafood fish of Hawaii, when doubled
7. St. Catharines, Ontario school: 2 wds.
8. Live, as a soccer ball: 2 wds.
9. Model/actor Mr. Beckford
10. Trickery
11. Prefix to 'moron' (Figure of speech variety)
12. Come in first
13. Li'l jazz instrument
21. Very, in Quebec City
22. Bridal designer Ms. Wang
25. The J. Geils Band hit that begins with camera sound effects
26. Streamlet
27. Does a bit better than: 2 wds.
28. Cousin of Fonzie on "Happy Days"
29. "Da Doo _ _" by The Crystals
30. Slot machine symbol
32. Shade tree
35. Television's Magnum, et al.
36. TV taping format, e.g.
38. Torah reader's pointer
40. Canuck ID
43. Actress, Rooney _
45. Lily kind
48. "...a will, _ a way."
50. Prior to this time, poetically
53. Space shadow
54. Psychic fair card
55. Doorway part
56. Attention
57. Metamorphoses poet
58. Meshworks
59. Log Z's
60. Completely
61. Actress, Melissa _ Anderson

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Be open to new ideas or applications on how to use something that you already own. You also might see new ways of making money.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Take a realistic look in the mirror to see how you can improve your appearance today. After all, you never get a second chance to make a first impression.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
If you work diligently at something behind the scenes, you will come up with some new results. You have a clever mind, and today you are resourceful.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You might attract someone powerful today. If so, listen to what this person has to say, because he or she could influence your future goals in some way. (It never hurts to listen.)

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
A discussion with a parent, boss or authority figure will be powerful today. However, you might have new ideas about how to make improvements or reforms. If so, speak up.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Avoid controversial issues like politics, religion and racial matters today, because people are intense. This means a discussion could turn into a quarrel. You don't need this.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Take care of loose details regarding taxes, debt, bills, inheritances and insurance issues today, because you have the focus and concentration to get this done. Ah, freedom!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Be accommodating with others today, because the Moon is opposite your sign. This means you cannot be demanding. Just go along with whatever happens.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Set aside some time today to do something that will make you feel better organized. Give yourself a support system to make your life easier.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Today you might see a new approach when it comes to a social situation or how you deal with children. Likewise, you might view a romantic situation in a new light.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today you will see ways to make improvements at home, or how you can change the way you do things at home. You might see new uses for things you already own.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a strong day for those of you who sell, market, teach, act or write, because your communication skills are direct and forthright. You will be clear about what you want.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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